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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--29 JUNE 1963

1. USSR:

A. KHRUSHCHEV'S RAMBLING 21 JUNE SPEECH TO THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM, JUST PUBLISHED, LOOKS LIKE AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE SOVIET PARTY BEFORE THE FORTH-COMING CONFRONTATION WITH THE CHINESE.

B. LASHING OUT AT BOTH DEVIATIONISTS AND RECALCITRANT INTELLECTUALS HE WARNED THAT DEVIATION FROM THE KREMLIN LINE COULD GET ONE THROWN OUT OF THE PARTY.

C. THE SPEECH GAVE NO NEW INSIGHTS ON MOSCOW'S TACTICS IN THE 5 JULY SINO-SOVIET MEETING OR ON SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY.

D. KHRUSHCHEV WILL PROBABLY UTILIZE THE GATHERING TOMORROW OF EAST EUROPEAN PARTY CHIEFS IN EAST BERLIN--ALL BUT RUMANIA'S GHEORGHIU-DEJ--TO COORDINATE STRATEGY FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

2. USSR - COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. PEIPING HAS SCORED A POINT IN ITS BATTLE TO LINE UP SUPPORT IN SOVIET-LED FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

B. PRO-CHINESE "REBELS" HAVE SPLIT THE BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY, AND ARE NOW BIDDING FOR CONTROL. THEY MAY NOT MAKE IT, BUT THEIR SPLINTER GROUP WILL NEVERTHELESS BE A USEFUL TOOL FOR PEIPING.

3. BRITISH GUIANA:

A. THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE SOME PROSPECT OF SETTLING THE 71 DAY OLD STRIKE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD LEAVE JAGAN'S GOVERNMENT SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT.

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B. A TOP BRITISH LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILL ARRIVE IN THE COLONY THIS WEEKEND, AMID INDICATIONS THAT SOME STRIKERS WANT TO RETURN TO WORK. THEIR LEADERSHIP, HOWEVER, IS HOLDING OUT FOR A PROMISE OF BACK PAY AND DEFINITE SHELIVING OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LABOR RELATIONS BILL. SO FAR JAGAN HAS BALKED ON THESE DEMANDS.

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4. SOUTH VIETNAM:

A. AMIDST THE UPROAR IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, PRESIDENT DIEM HAS BEEN EXPRESSING KEEN CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LAOS.

B. HE HAS IMPRESSED BOTH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AND OUR CHARGE WITH THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR THE WEST TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT VIETNAM'S WESTERN FLANK.

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D. AS FOR THE BUDDHISTS, DIEM SAYS THE AFFAIR HAS BEEN "BLOWN UP ALL OUT OF PROPORTION."

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E. AT THE SAME TIME, NO PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN BUDDHIST-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. THE TWO-WEEK TIME LIMIT THE BUDDHISTS SET FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INTENTION TO END RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION COMES TO AN END TOMORROW.

5. NOTES:

A. BRAZIL: GOULART APPEARS TO HAVE BACKED OFF FROM TRYING TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENNEDY IN ROME. HIS SPOKESMAN TOLD THE PRESS HE DID NOT RULE OUT AN INFORMAL ENCOUNTER BUT THE "NORTH AMERICANS ARE NOT GIVEN TO DEALING ON SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WITHOUT CAREFUL ADVANCE PREPARATIONS." ON THE SUBJECT OF VISITORS TO ROME, WE STILL HAVE NO INDICATION OF A DE GAULLE VISIT.

B. IRAN: RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND OTHERS OPPOSED TO THE SHAH'S REFORM PROGRAM SEEM TO BE BREWING UP MORE DEMONSTRATIONS FOR MID-JULY. THE SECURITY FORCES, ALERT TO THIS POSSIBILITY, WILL PROBABLY RESPOND MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY DID EARLY THIS MONTH.

C. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: THE GROUP WITHIN THE CZECH PARTY THAT HAS BEEN DEMANDING SPEEDY DE-STALINIZATION HAS NOT YET BEEN SILENCED BY NOVOTNY'S SHARP REPLY OF 12 JUNE. HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO USE STRONGER METHODS TO RESTORE PARTY DISCIPLINE.

D. HAITI: THE DUVALIER GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING SOME ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM POLAND. [REDACTED] 50X1

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AND OTHER NEEDED BUILDING MATERIALS, AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY THE
PROPOSED HAITIAN ECONOMIC MISSION TO WESTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN
CALLED OFF.

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